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SUBJECT: BRITISH PRESS ON SECRETARY'S MARCH 14

REMARKS ON US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS

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1. SUMMARY: ALL FOUR BRITISH PRESTIGE DAILIES CARRY STORIES TODAY (MARCH 15) ON SECRETARY'S REMARKS TO MARCH 14 NOON PRESS BRIEFING, DESCRIBING THEM AS AN "APOLOGY" AND AN ATTEMPT TO HEAL US-EUROPEAN RIFT. "GUARDIAN" ALSO HAS EDITORIAL URGING NEW LABOR GOVERNMENT TO FAVOR US OVER FRANCE IF FORCED TO MAKE CHOICE. END SUMMARY

2. "TIMES" CARRIES STORY FRONTPAGE CENTER BY PATRICK BROGAN CAPTIONED: "DR. KISSINGER PROFFERS EUROPE AN APOLOGY." BROGAN REPORTS HIGHLIGHTS OF SECRETARY'S REMARKS (REFTEL), DESCRIBING THEM AS "MEA MINIMA CULPA."

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3. "DAILY TELEGRAPH" CARRIES STORY WITHOUT EDITORIAL

EMBELLISHMENT ON PAGE FOUR UNDER CAPTION: "KISSINGER REGRETS OUTBURST."

4. "GUARDIAN" CARRIES LENGTHY STORY ON PAGE TWO UNDER CAPTION: "KISSINGER REGRETS HIS GAFFE." CONTENT IS SUMMED UP IN OPENING PARAGRAPH: DR. KISSINGER KNOWS HE HAS MADE A SERIOUS DIPLOMATIC GAFFE WITH UNHAPPY REPERCUSSIONS FOR AMERICA'S RELATIONS WITH EUROPE. HE HAS PUBLICLY APOLOGIZED FOR SEEMING TO CAST DOUBTS ON THE LEGITIMACY OF EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS BUT REMAINS UNREPENTENT IN HIS BELIEF THAT FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS EXIST BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND SOME OF HER EUROPEAN ALLIES."

5. "FINANCIAL TIMES" CARRIES STORY BY ADRIAN DICKS ON PAGE SIX UNDER CAPTION: "KISSINGER ATTEMPTS TO HEAL RIFT WITH EUROPE." OPENING PARAGRAPH SAYS: "WITHOUT ALTERING THE SUBSTANCE OF HIS COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE EUROPEANS, DR. HENRY KISSINGER ATTEMPTED TODAY TO UNDO SOME OF THE DAMAGE TO THE CAUSE OF BETTER ATLANTIC RELATIONS BROUGHT ABOUT BY HIS OWN OUTSPOKEN COMMENTS EARLIER THIS WEEK."

6. NONE OF THESE FOUR PAPERS HAS AS YET DEVOTED AN EDITORIAL TO SECRETARY'S REMARKS TO CONGRESSIONAL WIVES OR TO ENSUING REACTION, BUT "GUARDIAN" TODAY CARRIES EDITORIAL ON CURRENT SONNENFELDT/HARTMAN TRIP TO BRUSSELS AND LONDON WHICH URGES FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN, IF FORCED TO MAKE A CHOICE BETWEEN FRANCE AND US, TO SIDE WITH THE US.

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